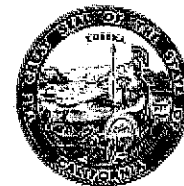


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Dear Dr. Goldin:

Thank you for your recent letter to Sandra Shewry, Director of the Department of Health Services, concerning the Department's program priorities and use of radioactive materials license fee revenue. Your letter was referred to my office for reply.

Regulations increasing fees for the Department's administration and enforcement of the Radiation Control Law are now in effect. The lengthy process created many management challenges to maintain operations with staff and resource shortages. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review of the program as you have noted also stressed the importance of adequate staffing and resources for the program. The Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) is actively engaged in program improvements and change. New staff, when trained, will make a positive impact on RHB's overall service. A priority for the radioactive materials section is a reduction of the time to complete license amendments and facility inspections.

While the Department agrees that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act prior to the promulgation of regulations establishing a dose-based standard for radioactive materials license termination and facility decommissioning is of key importance, critical priorities still remain in personnel certification, machine registration, and X-ray inspection.

We anticipate Cal Rad's active participation in the rule making process and continued improvements in the Radiologic Health Program. We greatly appreciate your suggestions and your interest in the Department's progress in these areas. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at (916) 440-7575.

Sincerely,

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